

# STATE NEWS

**DECEASED.**—One of the Swiss employed on the farm of Mr. Atkinson died of sunstroke on Friday last while at work in the field. The deceased leaves a wife and two children who are also in the employ of Mr. Atkinson.

**Funeral of George Collier.**—The funeral of George Collier, infant son of Capt. R. T. and Lizzie C. Fulghum, taken place on Saturday last. The funeral was held at St. Stephen's church by the Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Wilmington, N. C.

**Accident.**—An accident occurred to the N. C. train (on the Wilmington road) near the New River bridge, by which it was detained for a short time. The accident occurred to the engine. Nobody hurt. (Goldsboro' Messenger.)

**From a gentleman from Pitt county** we learn that the crops in that section are running very much. In some parts of the county they are cutting down the wheat to the stubble on account of the heavy drought. (Goldsboro' Messenger.)

**Funeral of the Melish.**—We learn that the funeral of the late Dr. M. Melish, who died on Friday last, was held at the residence of his wife, Mrs. M. Melish, on Saturday last. The funeral was held at the residence of his wife, Mrs. M. Melish, on Saturday last. The funeral was held at the residence of his wife, Mrs. M. Melish, on Saturday last.

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**Wilson Plumber, July 20th.**  
At the Big Island land sale, recently ten cents an acre was considered a good price. Every Democratic citizen of the State will feel sad to hear of this; but a radical leader informs us that at the last League meeting there was but one sentiment in the whole crowd. That accounts for the low prices.

**Accidental Shooting.**—We regret to learn that our young townsman, Miller Clem Manly, was accidentally shot at Hillsboro', a few days ago. The wound is in the thigh and is considered serious.

**Crops in Lenoir.**—We have cheering advices in regard to the crop in Lenoir county. It is said to be better than has been known for ten years, and the farmers generally are in high spirits.

**A Large Snake.**—W. W. Guess of Durham writes as follows of a very large snake he has killed:

I killed the largest snake on the 11th of this month that has been seen this season. It measured 7 feet and one inch long, and was named Daniel Slade, about 16 years old. A hen with her young brood first discovered to me the whereabouts of the snake by the noise she made over it. The skin of the snake had a beautiful black and tender appearance as if it had lately shed its skin.

**Washed Overboard and Nearly Drowned.**—During the heavy thunder shower yesterday p. m., while some boys were on the old wharf at Fort Spicola near the city lightning struck the wharf, throwing a large quantity over the wharf. One of the boys named Daniel Slade, about 16 years old, was thrown into the river and nearly drowned before he was rescued. The other boys receiving such a shock were unable to render any assistance for some minutes. (New Bern Times.)

**Robbery of Rags upon the Wilmington Road.**—Suspicion resting upon one Tom Warren, a negro employe upon one of the Wilmington passenger trains, of having been for some time past engaged in rifling trunks, his duty being to a great extent in the baggage car, information was lodged with the officials in this place on Monday against Warren, a trunk having been robbed of a few silver coins. Warren's house is some few miles in the country, west of this place, but somewhere in town were found a number of valuables, including a gold watch, which he had put away for safe keeping. Constable McGee, on being informed of the robbery, called on him, and placing him under arrest started with him to town, but from some cause the prisoner made his escape. McGee, however, captured a trunk in Warren's house which was filled with all manner of ladies' finery, splendid jewelry, and other things of much value, which trunk was brought to town and is held for the present.

It is supposed that Warren has been in the habit of entering trunks with false keys and taking therefrom small objects as could be carried away without detection, and it is fortunate that his villainy has been discovered. (Weiden News.)

**From the Raleigh Sentinel.**  
**MAJOR SMITH'S SPEECH.**  
Substance of the Remarks of Major W. A. Smith, President N. C. R. R. Co., in reply to the Commissioners of the N. C. R. R. Co., and in opposition to the adoption of the recent act of the Legislature, proposing to consolidate the N. C. R. R. Co. and the A. & N. C. R. R., delivered at Salisbury, July 25th.

(Reported by a Speaker.)  
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solidate this road with the A. & N. C. R. R., and claims that in this measure they proved themselves to be statesmen and great benefactors to the good old North Carolina. This has been the song of the consolidation party for months, and especially by its advocates about Newbern and Morehead City. These people care nothing for themselves, and their motives are not selfish. They do not want to sell lots at Newbern and Morehead City at advanced prices! No, sir; their motives are solely to advance the interests of "Good old North Carolina."

What have these advocates done for North Carolina? What has Newbern and Morehead City done for North Carolina, and especially for the Western part of the State? Nothing, Sir, nothing; yes, they helped to tax the people to build their roads and canals in the East, and when finished their voices were heard crying aloud, "No more internal improvements!"

They have done nothing for North Carolina, unless they are built in the State. We can't be taxed for other improvements. Such, Sir, has been the policy of the men who now talk so much about consolidation and "Good old North Carolina."

Sir, if I had as many eyes as I have legs, I could see the many wrongs that have been passed as it was, and by such a Legislature, would cause me to look on it with suspicion. Sir, a majority of those who voted for this bill knew nothing about railroads, seaports, and canals. Let the gentleman say, if a State public sentiment as the Legislature passed it; I deny it. In the name of the overburdened tax payers of North Carolina, I deny that this act reflects public sentiment—or that a majority of that Legislature do reflect public sentiment. Let them return to their constituents and ask for reelection, and the response will invariably be "you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting."

The gentleman from Newbern says a great deal about what shall be done with the stock; the friends of consolidation flatter themselves about the shrewdness displayed in engineering the bill relied upon to deprive you of your vested rights under your charter. They thought themselves particularly smart when they slipped the bill alluded to through the Legislature on the very last day of the session, by simply reading its title, many of the members voting for the bill, little supposing that in the pages of said act was a section which was intended to deprive the public of its stock in all your public works, a trick, and I don't suppose ten members in each House knew that such provision as the last article of the bill contains was in the bill.

But, Mr. Chairman, they overreached themselves; they knew no law, and in trying to deceive the honest members of the Legislature, they wrote too much law, and too little sense, and thereby defeated their own trick, for I am informed by one of the best lawyers of the State (an ex-Superior Court Judge) that the act making the process for the stock of the State, simply make any nothing, as it cannot be applied on record either before or since the action of the last General Assembly. If this be so, and I believe it, Cebe has no more right to claim that he can represent the State in this connection, than he has to represent the man in the moon.

No, Mr. Chairman, Cebe never would have thought of bringing himself in opposition to the laws and the administration, had he not been gobbled up by the hungry crowd at Newbern and Morehead City, who are so anxious to take care of "good old North Carolina." Yes, sir, he gobbled him up, and carried him to Newbern with his big painted stick, and frightened those piscatorial gentlemen and took possession of their meeting, and to-day he is in our midst with his big stick, but with his innocent, I'll not say inunction, as the name is too long and too common. Yes, Mr. Chairman, Cebe is here with his innocent, with a view to defeat a meeting of the Stockholders of your Road, but thus far his innocent has not been heeded. Seriously, sir, Cebe is backed by his fellow politicians, and he looks like he would surrender all claims to be proxy, and be the happiest man living, if he could get away from the meeting without being seen by anybody. But, alas! the gentleman from Newbern has Cebe up to his neck in hot water, and I have to say to the gentleman from Newbern, *be too short to pull him out.* I am sorry for Cebe; I say I have been caught in bad company, and we can't give him the right hand of fellowship, if he will drop his foolishness and not try to overthrow the old charter, and let the people have their property under the late act and under which he claims to represent the State, is in direct violation of our charter.

The gentleman from Newbern claims that the Road should be consolidated upon the great original idea advanced by Caldwell, Gaston and Morehead in the days of the two first distinguished gentlemen, our road was not built, and no such complications as now exist was thought of. But the gentleman shall not make a point here by quoting the names of these great men. Do not let us be misled by the members of the legislature, who are the equals of Gascon, Caldwell and Morehead? Or that, if now living, these great men would at this day vote to destroy our great Road, in trying to save a worthless one, by consolidation? If there were no other goods in our country, the consolidation would be feasible. But, Mr. Chairman, with the present net work of Railroads through our State, the idea is a humbug, and especially under this extraordinary bill of the last Legislature. All kinds of assurances have been given to the people that this Road had a fishing smack fitted up for the accommodation of the visitors, when lo! it grounded! Then our friend declared us to be a humbug. A great excursion trip was given to Newbern and Morehead City. The magnificent first class ships at these ports were to conduct the visitors through the spacious harbors of Morehead City, but alas! what they did was to conduct the visitors to the fishing smack fitted up for the accommodation of the visitors, when lo! it grounded! Then our friend declared us to be a humbug. A great excursion trip was given to Newbern and Morehead City. The magnificent first class ships at these ports were to conduct the visitors through the spacious harbors of Morehead City, but alas! what they did was to conduct the visitors to the fishing smack fitted up for the accommodation of the visitors, when lo! it grounded! Then our friend declared us to be a humbug. 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